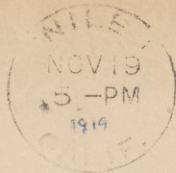


From J. L. Shinn - his cat



Mrs. J. L. Shinn
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San Diego Co.

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Dearest,

Tomorrow makes fourteen years since we entered into an agreement that I am sure neither of us has regretted for a minute. It has led to much trouble & hard work, but what is there one can do that amounts to anything that does not take hard work? It has led to the things that give the greatest happiness in life I am sure.

One strange thing about it is that though we are both so "cross-grained" we do not quarrel, & not having quarrelled so far, it is a pretty safe bet that we will not to the end of the chapter. And what a bunch of young hopefuls!

Joseph, with dash & real genius
Allen - everybody's friend & with good all round ability

Lucy - the faithful, the little mother.

Patty - good brains & good looks

Elizabeth - same with variations

Abner M. - good looks I am sure, and, it seems, very active mind and body.

If we can bring such a bunch in good shape through the difficult and risky years to maturity we will surely deserve a pension.

We are all well in the main but your mother still has some sore throat. She is up today. I have been fighting a cold off for several days & it, so far, has not got much of a hold on me & I trust it will not. The children are over their colds entirely.

I shall probably arrange for Joseph to go down by himself Friday & I bring him back or via via as I will have to have more time & may even go

Tomorrow, any way, as I have mean to in S.F.
among others to sell the walnuts of which the
Chinamen have some fourteen sacks.

A little shower last night but clearing
now. Weather mild & very quite warm in middle
of the day - Beautiful weather & a wonderful sunset
last night to which Patty called my attention.
You should have seen it. Also you should
see the Ginkgo tree, wonderful green & light & dark
gold colors, it is just at its best now.

They are trying to get me to take the presidency
of the Farm Bureau for this year, but I do not see
how I can - To do it right it means the
attendance at many meetings all over
the county, many night meetings & much
boosting for members. The fact is the membership
is way down though the general appreciation of
the work is much better than it was.

I might nearly as well be Supervisor &
get some pay for my work.

We are getting pretty close some
without the "Boss of the House" & the Little
Mother" & the "Best Baby", but if they are having a good
time we want them to have a good visit before they
come back.

How are funds? Let me know at once if you
are getting short.

Love to all & best love to my sweetheart -
your Joe

P.S.

I sent by registered mail a cameo brooch - the
you like it. - Allen said he was going to write you
but he has signed to have a good deal of work these
days for school & he is learning a part in a play &
dialogue.